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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 000340-002
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/009079	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 16, 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/517988
TITLE OF INVENTION TENSIONING DEVICE FOR STRIP-SHAPED TENSION MEMBERS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Markus MAIER et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. [X] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [x] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <p>6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <p>7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [X] have not been made and will not be made. <p>8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4))</p> <p>10. [] An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p>		
<p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. [X] A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. [] A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. [X] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. [] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. [X] Other items or information: PCT/IB/308, PCT/IB/332, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/IB/338, PCT/IPEA./409, PCT/409PE1</p>		

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21. [X] The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY
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